

REMARKS

Claims 2, 10 and 16 have been amended as required. Withdrawal of the objection to those claims is requested.

Claims 1-3, 7, 9-11 and 15-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 on the basis of Tanaka '617. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because Tanaka does not disclose (or suggest) a moveable trimmer blade that reciprocates in response to reciprocation of a reciprocating blade in a hair clipper, as in independent claims 1, 9 and 15.

Tanaka discloses a reciprocal driving member 7 made of plastic (col. 2, line 26), a reciprocating shaver blade 5, and a reciprocating hair trimmer blade 4. Both blades are driven by the plastic reciprocal driving member 7. In other words, the moveable shaver blade and the mover hair trimmer blade both reciprocate in response to the reciprocating driving member. Neither blade reciprocates in response to another reciprocating blade, as in the present invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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